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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 34  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Chairman Jim Hall of the National Transportation Safety Board for his meritorious service to Tennessee and the United States.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those inimitable public servants who during their tenure in office have performed their appointed duties with remarkable ability and unprecedented commitment, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future public officials; and

WHEREAS, James Evan Hall, Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, is one such distinguished public servant who has given unselfishly of himself, his time and his remarkable talents to further the public good; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hall became a member of the National Transportation Safety Board in October 1993 and his meritorious service on the Board led to President Clinton appointing him Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall's service on the Board on behalf of the safety of the traveling public has seen a period of extraordinary activity, including recent investigations of the crashes of ValueJet Flight 592 and TWA Flight 800, as well as the Ringling Brothers Circus train derailment in Florida, a commuter train/Amtrak collision in Maryland and crashes of American Eagle aircraft in Indiana and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall chaired a safety forum on commercial air service in Alaska and symposiums on the impact of fatigue on transportation safety and prevention of pipeline

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excavation damage, and the Board has issued landmark safety studies on commuter airlines and the dangers to children of passenger-side automobile air bags; and

WHEREAS, in January 1996, Aviation Week and Space Technology presented Chairman Hall with an Aviation Laurel for his exemplary leadership in the matter of the crash of USAir Flight 427 and President Clinton named him to the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall received his law degree from the University of Tennessee and served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and served on the staff of U.S. Senator Al Gore, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall served in the Cabinet of Governor Ned McWherter and as director of the Tennessee State Planning Office for six years and served as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Harlan Mathews in 1993; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Governor McWherter's Cabinet, Jim Hall developed Tennessee's first comprehensive anti-drug effort, the Governor's Alliance for a Drug-Free Tennessee, and was the architect of Tennessee's landmark solid waste legislation in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall served his nation in the armed forces and received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall and his wife, the former Annie Stewart Impink, have two daughters and call Signal Mountain, Tennessee their home;

WHEREAS, laboring for the good people of Tennessee with the utmost integrity and probity, Chairman Hall has distinguished himself as a public servant and is widely respected by his peers in both the federal and state government; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Hall will be long remembered as an effective public servant in Tennessee and throughout the nation and as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and former colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state and the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Jim Hall for his immeasurable service to Tennessee and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.